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# DEPARTMENT TO LEAD EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) STATE PLAN FEEDBACK FORUMS

(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education will be hosting forums across the state to gather feedback on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan, Superintendent Ybarra announced today. The purpose of the forums is to publicly present the ESSA State Plan for public comment and feedback. Substantive comments and feedback will be considered within the final version of the ESSA State Plan, as well as feedback from stakeholder groups.

The department will be hosting 5 ESSA State Plan feedback forums at the following locations:

# November 1<sup>st</sup> - 6-8pm

Blackfoot School District Blackfoot Performing Arts Center 870 S. Fisher Street Contact: Ronna (208) 785-8800 parkro@d55.k12.id.us

## November 3rd - 6-8pm

Adjacent to Cassia County Joint District Office Kings Fine Art Center, Little Theater 1 Bobcat Blvd, Burley Idaho Contact: Pam (208) 878-6623 x 107 teepam@cassiaschools.org

## November 9th - 6-8pm

Caldwell School District Canyon Springs High School Cafeteria 516 N 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Caldwell Idaho Contact: Jodie Mills (208) 455-3300 jmills@caldwellschools.org

#### November 2nd - 6-8pm

Jerome Joint District Admin Conference Room District Office, 125 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Jerome Contact: Lorri Prescott (208) 324-2392 Lorri.prescott@jeromeschools.org

## November 7th - 6-8pm

Moscow School District Moscow Middle School, Room 108 1410 E. D Street, Moscow Idaho Contact: Colleen Robbins (280) 882-3577 robbinsc@msd281.org

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), each state is required to submit a State Plan articulating how the law will be implemented. The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE), under the direction of Superintendent Ybarra, is committed to developing a thoughtful consolidated State Plan that reflects both the new ESSA requirements and SDE's strategic plan goals in supporting schools and students to achieve.

Idaho ESSA Consolidated State Plan Goals:

- All Idaho students persevere in life and are ready for college and careers;
- All education stakeholders in Idaho are mutually responsible for accountability and student progress;
- Idaho attracts and retains great teachers and leaders.



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OFFICE: 208-332-6800 FAX: 208-334-2228 SPEECH/HEARING IMPAIRED: 1-800-377-3529 WWW.SDE.IDAHO.GOV Developing the State Plan requires meaningful consultation with stakeholders representing a diverse cross-section of district and school representatives, professional organization representatives, and state leadership members.

The State Plan work is developed within the ESSA Framework Components by multiple SDE workgroups, each with external stakeholder representation. The components are listed below in the order they appear in the <u>Federal Register</u>.

Questions regarding the ESSA State Plan Feedback Forums may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or at <a href="mailto:jchurch@sde.idaho.gov">jchurch@sde.idaho.gov</a>. Additional information regarding the ESSA State Plan may be found at <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/essa/index.html">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/essa/index.html</a>.

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